

Junior Girl Scout Badge: The Islands of Lake Erie

Junior Girl Scouts can have a ton of fun while learning about the Lake Erie Islands. To complete this badge, Juniors will need the help of their troop/group leader and/or a parent and must complete 6 of the items.

- 1.) The Islands of Lake Erie are very important to migrating birds...Why? If you have a chance to visit an island in Lake Erie, take sketches of the types of birds that you see. When you get home, or while you're on the island, try to identify them.
- 2.) To the tune of your choice, make a song about one of the Lake Erie islands. Teach it to another Girl Scout and sing it with your troop.
- 3.) Take a poll of your peers and see how many people have visited the Lake Erie Islands. Which islands? What did they do there?
- 4.) Research one of the Lake Erie islands. Share what you have found with your friends and family.
- 5.) Long before we were here, Native Americans called this area home. Which Native American groups lived on the islands?
- 6.) What kinds of animals live on the Lake Erie Islands? Choose one to research. What do you eat? Where do you sleep? How did you get to this island? Collect pictures of these animals, then create a collage. Share it to your friends.
- 7.) What is the weather like on the Lake Erie islands? How is it different from the mainland? How do you think that affects the lifestyle of its inhabitants?
- 8.) Do you know how the Great Lakes were formed? We'll give you a hint, it has to do with glaciers and there is evidence of them on the islands! Research this and find out what we mean. When you have found it, share your findings with younger Girl Scouts.
- 9.) Learn about the Monarch butterfly. Why are some of the Lake Erie Islands are so important to these endangered butterflies?
- 10.) During the War of 1812 the United States of America fought the British on Lake Erie in what became known as The Battle of Lake Erie. What were the causes of this conflict and what were the effects? How are these effects still evident in Lake Erie Island life today?
- 11.) If you were to take a tour of the Lake Erie Islands which island would you choose to visit? Why? What places would you visit? Museums, biking paths, beaches? Would you go fishing, or boating? If so, where?
- 12.) Do any of the Lake Erie Islands have Girl Scout troops? How about Girl Guides? Find out and along with the girls in your troop, write them a letter.
- 13.) Soft glass, lucky stones, fossils, these are just a few of the things you may find while beachcombing on one of the beaches of Lake Erie...what are they?